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## **Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber Honors Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer**

*DDF Receives Excellence in Healthcare Program Award*

**Fort Lauderdale, FL – (November 20, 2017)** – The Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce honored Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) with the Excellence in Healthcare Program Award at the annual Excellence in Healthcare Awards Luncheon on Thursday, November 2, 2017. The award, accepted by DDF's Vice President Michael Ehren, Esq., was given for the organization's dedication and hard work in supporting and educating gastric cancer patients, their families, and caregivers.

Each year the award is granted to a community based program administered by a Broward-based non-profit organization whose influence extends beyond the population it serves. DDF currently operates as a valuable international education and support resource for stomach cancer patients, their families, and caregivers through its free Patient Resource Education Program (PREP). The program helps patients understand their diagnosis, staging, treatment options, clinical trials, side effect management, research, management of the disease, and more. PREP also connects patients with vital information from the world's leading stomach cancer doctors about the best treatments available, as well as with mentors who share their stories, tips, advice, and concerns so that patients don't feel alone in their fight.

"We are humbled and honored to receive this significant award from the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce," said DDF Vice President Michael Ehren. "Through our Patient Resource Education Program and other initiatives, DDF is continually striving to support and advocate for stomach cancer patients worldwide and pursue a solution to this deadly global problem. This is DDF's mission, and we will continue these important efforts going forward."

For more information about Debbie's Dream Foundation, visit <http://www.DebbiesDream.org>, email [Info@DebbiesDream.org](mailto:Info@DebbiesDream.org), or call (954) 475-1200.

### **About Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer**

Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer (DDF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about stomach cancer, advancing funding for research, and providing education and support internationally to patients, families, and caregivers. Debbie's Dream Foundation seeks as its ultimate goal to make the cure for stomach cancer a reality.

DDF was founded in 2009 by Debbie Zelman after she was diagnosed with stage IV incurable gastric cancer in 2008 and given only weeks to live. DDF now has a Scientific  
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and Medical Advisory Board of world renowned doctors as well as chapters throughout the United States and in Canada and Germany. Considered a “Super Survivor,” Debbie is still receiving chemotherapy almost 9 ½ years later and is thrilled to be able to watch her three children grow up. To learn more about DDF, please visit us at [www.DebbiesDream.org](http://www.DebbiesDream.org).



**Picture One:** DDF Vice President Michael Ehren accepting the Excellence in Healthcare Program Award at the 2017 Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Healthcare Awards Luncheon.



**Picture Two:** (l to r) Suzanne Higgins, Ashley Boxer, Rozen Patterson, Judy Frum, Linda Herbert a.k.a. “Lotsy Dotsy”, Dr. Baghirat Sahasranaman, Dan Lindblade, DDF Vice President Michael Ehren, Lawrence McDermott, and DDF Board Member Cynthia Peterson at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Healthcare Awards Luncheon.

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